

4th February, 1800.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

A Bill

Respecting the Mint.

1 SEC. 1. **B**E it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
2 the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That a sum equal
3 to the amount of the cents and half cents, which shall have been coined
4 at the Mint, and delivered to the Treasurer of the United States, sub-
5 sequent to the third day of March in the year one thousand seven hun-
6 dred and ninety nine, shall be, and the same is hereby appropriated for
7 the purchase of copper for the further coinage of cents and half cents ;
8 and that a sum equal to the amount of cents and half cents, which shall
9 be hereafter coined at the Mint and delivered to the Treasurer of the
10 United States, in any one year, shall be, and the same is hereby appro-
11 priated for the annual purchase of copper for the coinage of cents and
12 half cents, which sums shall be payable out of any monies in the Treasury
13 not otherwise appropriated.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be retained from
2 every deposit in the Mint of gold or silver bullion, below the standard of
3 the United States, such sum as shall be equivalent to the expense incur-
4 red in refining the same, and an accurate account of such expense on
5 every such deposit shall be kept, and of the sums retained on account of
6 the same, which shall be accounted for by the treasurer of the Mint, with
7 the Treasury of the United States.